

Dockets Nos. 24-74 and 25-74 are tentatively set for hearing on August 21 and September 4. Applications for hearing must be filed at least 22 days in advance of hearing date.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 7, 1974

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM,
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner, or Richard L. Stamets, Alternate Examiner:

← CASE 4749: (Reopened) (Continued from the July 10, 1974, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of Case No. 4749 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4338-A, which order continued special rules for the Humble City-Strawn Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing.

CASE 4946: (Reopened) (Continued from the July 10, 1974, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of Case No. 4946 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4581, which order established temporary rules for the Crosby-Fusselman Associated Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said rules should not be rescinded.

CASE 5282: (Continued from the July 24, 1974, Examiner Hearing)

Application of Union Texas Petroleum Corporation for downhole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of Jalmat and Langlie-Mattix production in certain of its wells in the Langlie-Jal Unit Area, currently being waterflooded under authority of Commission Order No. R-4051.

CASE 5287: Application of Mobil Oil Corporation for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Pennsylvanian formation underlying the N/2 of Section 12, Township 21 South, Range 26 East, adjacent to the Burton Flats-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to form a standard 320-acre unit to be dedicated to applicant's Federal 12 Com Well No. 1 to be drilled at a previously approved unorthodox location 660 feet from the North and East lines of said Section 12. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 5288: Application of Merrion & Bayless for downhole commingling, San Juan County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the downhole commingling of hydrocarbon production from the top of the Gallup formation at 5434 feet to the base of the Dakota formation at 6570 feet in its Keeling Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit B of Section 20, Township 25 North, Range 8 West, Dufers Point-Dakota Pool, San Juan County, New Mexico.

CASE 5033: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 5033 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4539-A, which order established a special gas-oil ratio limitation of 5000 to 1 for the Bell Lake-Bone Spring Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be produced under the standard 2000 to 1 gas-oil ratio limit.

CASE 5289: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit LeRoy Sumruld, American Employers Insurance Co., and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the LeRoy Sumruld South Roberts SWD Well No. 2 located in Unit M of Section 14, Township 9 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 5290: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Western Oil Producers, Inc., U.S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co., and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Western Oil Producers State A Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 34, Township 13 South, Range 33 East, Lea County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 5291: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Wil-Mc Oil Corporation, Trinity Universal Insurance Co., and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Wil-Mc Oil Corporation New Mexico State Well No. 2 located in Unit K of Section 11, Township 10 South, Range 32 East, Lea County, New Mexico, should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 5292: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit El Paso Natural Gas Company, United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co., and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why each of the following wells should not be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program:

EPNG Ludwick Well No. 11, located in Unit B,
Section 19, Township 30 North, Range 10 West,
San Juan County, New Mexico;

CASE 5272: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Consolidated Oil and Gas, Inc., United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the Consolidated Oil and Gas, Inc., Price Well No. 1 located in Unit N, Section 15, Township 31 North, Range 13 West, San Juan County, New Mexico, should not be recompleted as a single-zone well or be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program.

CASE 5273: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to permit Eastern Petroleum Corporation, United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company and all other interested parties to appear and show cause why the following wells should not be abandoned in accordance with a Commission-approved plugging program:

Castillo #1 located in Unit P, Section 35, Township 20 North, Range 7 West, McKinley County, New Mexico;

Chopup #1 located in Unit N, Section 30, Township 19 North, Range 6 West, McKinley County, New Mexico;

Chacra Mesa #1 located in Unit B, Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 7 West, McKinley County, New Mexico;

Blackjack #1 located in Unit P, Section 12, Township 21 North, Range 9 West, San Juan County, New Mexico;

Pornada #1 located in Unit H, Section 27, Township 18 North, Range 7 West, McKinley County, New Mexico.

CASE 4749: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 4749 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4338-A, which order continued special rules for the Humble City-Strawn Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should not be developed on 40-acre spacing.

CASE 4946: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 4946 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4581, which order established temporary rules for the Crosby-Fusselman Associated Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said rules should not be rescinded.

CASE 5110: (Continued from January 16, 1974)

In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission on its own motion to consider the institution of gas prorationing in

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the Washington Ranch-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, to provide for fixing the total allowable natural gas production from said pool to an amount equal to reasonable market demand and to the capacity of the gas transportation facilities. Also to be considered will be the adoption of special rules and regulations for said pool including a provision for allocating the allowable production among the wells in the pool. NOTE: This case will be continued to the first Examiner Hearing in January, 1975.

CASE 5274: Southeastern nomenclature case calling for the creation, abolishment, and extension of certain pools in Lea, Eddy, and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.

(a) Create a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Wolfcamp production and designated as the Black River-Wolfcamp Gas Pool. The discovery well is Amoco Production Company Herren Federal Gas Com Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 7, Township 24 South, Range 27 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, NMPM
Section 7: SW/4

(b) Create a new pool in Lea County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Cooper-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is the El Paso Natural Gas Company Cooper Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 21, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, NMPM
Section 21: N/2

(c) Create a new pool in Eddy County, New Mexico, classified as a gas pool for Morrow production and designated as the Malaga-Morrow Gas Pool. The discovery well is Phillips Petroleum Company Malaga A Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 2, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM. Said pool would comprise:

TOWNSHIP 24 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, NMPM
Section 2: W/2

(d) Abolish the Bell Lake-Pennsylvanian Gas Pool in Lea County, New Mexico, described as:

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, NMPM
Section 36: SE/4

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, NMPM
Section 30: All
Section 31: All

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JULY 11, 1973

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM,
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

The following cases will be heard before Daniel S. Nutter, Examiner, or Richard L. Stamets, Alternate Examiner:

- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for August, 1973, from seventeen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Roosevelt and Chaves Counties, New Mexico.
- (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas from nine prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico, for August, 1973.

CASE 4749: (Reopened) (Continued from the June 6, 1973, Examiner Hearing)

In the matter of Case No. 4749 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4338, which order established special rules and regulations for the Humble City-Strawn Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre proration units. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should be developed on other than 40-acre units.

CASE 5019: Application of Cities Service Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests underlying the S/2 of Section 14, Township 20 South, Range 28 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled in an undesignated Morrow gas pool at a standard location in Unit K of said Section 14. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and up to 200 percent charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

CASE 5020: Application of Belco Petroleum Corporation for special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the South Salt Lake-Morrow Gas Pool, including a provision for 320-acre drilling and proration units. In the absence of objection, this pool will be placed on 320-acre spacing rather than the present 160-acre spacing.

CASE 5021: Application of Mobil Oil Corporation for an unorthodox oil well location and special pool allowable, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill its proposed New Mexico "B" Well No. 9 at an unorthodox location 940 feet from the North line and 1510 feet from the East line of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 32 East, Mescalero-Devonian Pool,

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Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks the assignment of a special depth bracket allowable for said pool of 604 barrels of oil per day.

CASE 5022: Application of Skelly Oil Company for an exception to Rule 104, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks, as an exception to Rule 104, authority to produce its Mexico "L" Wells Nos. 1 and 23 located less than 330 feet from each other in Unit A of Section 5, Township 25 South, Range 38 East, and its Mexico "J" Wells Nos. 2 and 23 located less than 330 feet from each other in Unit O in Section 32, Township 24 South, Range 38 East, and its Mexico "J" Wells Nos. 4 and 17 located less than 330 feet from each other in Unit N of said Section 32, all in the Dollarhide-Fusselman Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, each 40-acre unit being limited to one top unit allowable.

CASE 5023: Application of Skelly Oil Company for a waterflood project, Roosevelt County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to institute a pilot waterflood project by the injection of water into the Upper and Lower San Andres formations through perforations in the intervals from 4207 feet to 4418 feet and from 4676 to 4849 feet in its Hobbs "T" Well No. 11 located in Unit P of Section 33, Township 7 South, Range 33 East, Chaveroo-San Andres Pool, Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

CASE 5024: Application of Midwest Oil Corporation for a unit agreement, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Cottonwood Spring Unit Area comprising 3838 acres, more or less, of federal and fee lands in Township 25 South, Range 26 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

CASE 5025: Application of The Superior Oil Company for down-hole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle Upper Seven Rivers gas and Lower Seven Rivers oil in the wellbore of its State "12" Well No. 1 located in Unit L of Section 12, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, Eumont Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Said well was authorized as a gas-oil dual completion in the Eumont Pool by Commission Order DC-142.

CASE 5026: Application of The Superior Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Morrow, Atoka, Strawn and Canyon formations underlying the N/2 of Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 27 East, South Carlsbad Field, Eddy County, New Mexico. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling and completing said well and the allocation of such costs, as well as actual operating costs and charges for supervision. Also to be considered is the designation of applicant as operator of the well and a 150 percent charge for risk involved in drilling said well.

DOCKET: EXAMINER HEARING - WEDNESDAY - JUNE 6, 1973

9 A.M. - OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM,
STATE LAND OFFICE BUILDING - SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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- ALLOWABLE: (1) Consideration of the allowable production of gas for July, 1973, from seventeen prorated pools in Lea, Eddy, Roosevelt and Chaves Counties, New Mexico;
- (2) Consideration of the allowable production of gas from nine prorated pools in San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico for July, 1973.

CASE 4982: Application of Brunson and McKnight for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Ojo Chiso Unit Area comprising 5,120 acres, more or less, of Federal and State lands in Township 22 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 4983: Application of Gulf Oil Corporation for simultaneous well dedication and non-standard locations, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval for the simultaneous dedication of two wells to a standard 640-acre gas proration unit comprising all of Section 35, Township 21 South, Range 36 East, Eumont Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, said wells being the W. A. Ramsay (NCT-A) Wells Nos. 20 and 7 at non-standard locations in the center of Units E and N, respectively, of said Section 35.

CASE 4749: (Reopened)

In the matter of Case No. 4749 being reopened pursuant to the provisions of Order No. R-4338, which order established special rules and regulations for the Humble City-Strawn Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre proration units. All interested parties may appear and show cause why said pool should be developed on other than 40-acre units.

CASE 4984: Application of Monsanto Company for a dual completion, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to dually complete its Miller Federal Well No. 1 located in Unit G of Section 3, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, in such a manner as to produce gas from undesignated Atoka gas pool and from the Burton Flat-Morrow Gas Pool through the casing-tubing annulus, and tubing, respectively.

CASE 4967: (Continued and readvertised from the May 9, 1973 Examiner Hearing)

Application of John M. Etcheverry for dissolution of a standard proration unit and the creation of two non-standard proration units, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks

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the dissolution of the standard 160-acre proration unit comprising the SW/4 of Section 29, Township 14 South, Range 34 East, West Tres Papalotes-Pennsylvanian Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, dedicated to the Mark Production Company Etcheverry Well No. 1 located in Unit L of said Section 29, and the creation of two non-standard 80-acre proration units, one comprising the N/2 and the other the S/2 of the SW/4 of said Section 29; the first unit would be dedicated to the aforesaid Etcheverry Well No. 1 and the second unit would be dedicated to a well proposed to be drilled in Unit M of said Section 29.

CASE 4985: Application of Union Oil Company of California for a unit agreement, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks approval of the Pipeline Deep Unit Area comprising 3,862 acres, more or less, of federal lands in Township 19 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 4986: Application of Dalport Oil Corporation for compulsory pooling, Chaves County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests in the Queen formation underlying the E/2 of Section 17, Township 12 South, Range 31 East, Chaves County, New Mexico, to be dedicated to a well to be drilled in Unit G of said Section 17. Also to be considered will be the cost of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, the establishment of charges for supervision of said well, and the designation of applicant as operator.

CASE 4987: Application of Texaco Inc. for down-hole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle production from the Blinebry, Tubb, and Drinkard Oil Pools in the wellbore of its A. H. Blinebry Well No. 20 located in Unit E of Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 4988: Application of Texaco Inc. for down-hole commingling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to commingle production from the Tubb and Drinkard Oil Pools in the wellbore of its A. H. Blinebry Well No. 28 located in Unit A of Section 29, Township 22 South, Range 38 East, Lea County, New Mexico.

CASE 4989: In the matter of the hearing called by the Oil Conservation Commission upon its own motion to consider the amendment of the general rules governing prorated gas pools in Northwest and Southeast New Mexico as promulgated by Order No. R-1670, as amended. Rule 15 of the aforesaid general rules would be amended to provide that if a well is

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of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well.

CASE 4745: Application of Yates Petroleum Corporation for pool re-definition and special pool rules, Eddy County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the re-definition of the Penasco Draw San Andres-Yeso Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico, as an associated oil and gas pool. Applicant further seeks the promulgation of special rules for said associated pool, including provisions defining a gas well as one producing with a gas-liquid ratio of 10,000 or more cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil, a gas-liquid ratio limitation for oil wells of 3,000 cubic feet of gas per barrel of oil, and 320-acre spacing units for gas wells. Applicant further seeks authority to commingle on the surface gas production from various wells prior to metering and to report said gas production on a lease basis. Applicant further seeks authority to commingle on the surface all casing-head gas prior to metering and to allocate said casinghead gas to the various wells on the basis of gas-oil ratio tests.

CASE 4746: Application of Mobil Oil Corporation for an unorthodox well location and amendment of Order No. R-2914, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill a producing well at an unorthodox location 1450 feet from the North line and 70 feet from the West line of Section 19, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, in the E-K Queen Waterflood Project Area authorized by Order No. R-2914. Applicant further seeks a procedure whereby additional production and injection wells at orthodox and unorthodox locations may be approved administratively.

CASE 4747: Application of Union Texas Petroleum, a Division of Allied Chemical Corporation for compulsory pooling, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an order pooling all mineral interests below the base of the Devonian formation underlying the N/2 of Section 33, Township 25 South, Range 37 East, Crosby Field, Lea County, New Mexico. Said acreage to be dedicated to its well to be located 1650 feet from the North line and 2310 feet from the East line of said Section 33. Also to be considered will be the costs of drilling said well, a charge for the risk involved, a provision for the allocation of actual operating costs, and the establishment of charges for supervision of said well.

- CASE 4748: Application of Pubco Petroleum Corporation for special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the Humble City-Strawn Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, including provisions for 160-acre proration units and wells to be located within 150 feet of the center of any quarter-quarter section.
- CASE 4749: Application of Harding Oil Company for a discovery allowable and special pool rules, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the promulgation of special pool rules for the Humble City-Strawn Pool, Lea County, New Mexico, including a provision for 80-acre proration units and for the assignment of an oil discovery allowable to its E. D. Shipp Well No. 1 located in Unit K of Section 11, Township 17 South, Range 37 East.
- CASE 4750: Application of Cities Service Oil Company for an unorthodox location, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks authority to drill a producing well in its Southeast Maljamar Grayburg-San Andres Unit Waterflood Project Area at an unorthodox location 1155 feet from the South line and 1385 feet from the East line of Section 29, Township 17 South, Range 33 East, Maljamar Pool, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant further seeks a procedure whereby additional injection and production wells within the project area at unorthodox locations may be approved administratively.
- CASE 4751: Application of Sun Oil Company for pool extension, Lea County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks the extension of the horizontal limits of the Lusk-Morrow Gas Pool, Lea County, New Mexico to include all of Sections 15 and 16 of Township 19-South, Range 32 East.
- CASE 4752: Application of Claude C. Kennedy for permission to flare casinghead gas, McKinley, County, New Mexico. Applicant, in the above-styled cause, seeks an exception to Order No. R-4070, to flare casinghead gas produced by his BSK Edna Well No. 1 located in Unit F of Section 8, Township 17 North, Range 8 West, Lone Pine Dakota "D" Pool, McKinley County, New Mexico.